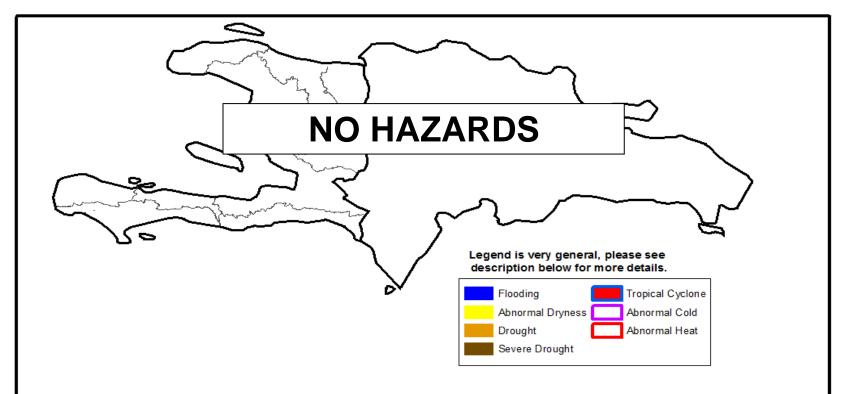


## Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook February 20 – February 26, 2014

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During mid-February, dry weather dominated over Hispaniola, with suppressed rains across much of the Island. Although, this past week's rainfall accumulation was mostly average, below-average rainfall was observed across the northern portions of Haiti and the Dominican Republic over the past thirty days. The most recent vegetation indices indicated persisting much below-average conditions over the Nord Ouest and Nord Est departments of northern Haiti and the Monte Cristi and Puerto Plata provinces of northern Dominican Republic. Reports have already indicated that the dryness associated with the lack of rains since the late period of the previous second rainy season has negatively impacted cropping and hydrological conditions in northwest Haiti. Substantial rainfall amounts are needed to mitigate dry conditions across northern Hispaniola. During the next outlook period, dry weather is expected to continue across Hispaniola, with little to no rainfall across much of the Island. However, light (< 20 mm) rains are possible across the southern Peninsula of Haiti as well as the central mountainous and eastern regions of the Dominican Republic.